

Gopher State Events Cross-Country/Nordic Ski

Guidelines for Immediately Accurate Results

At GSE we pride ourselves on getting race results out on race day asap. We put results online within minutes of completing each race in a meet. As well, we send coaches and others they have listed on their GSE team staff page emails so that the results can be verified as accurate.

On rare occasion a runner is missing from the results. There are several reasons this could happen. The **LEAST FREQUENT** reason is a missed read by RFID system itself. The following guidelines will help avoid the “other” causes for these misses. Please read, inform your kids, and adhere to these yourself so that race results are accurate more quickly, and certainly before awards are handed out.

- 1) We cannot add athletes to your roster on site so please **MAKE SURE THAT ANY ATHLETE WHO MIGHT COMPETE IS ON YOUR GSE ROSTER**. We do not use the MSHSL roster because it is not always complete and accurate at any given time during the season.
- 2) Each athlete **MUST WEAR THEIR OWN BIB** and **RUN THE RACE THEY ARE ASSIGNED**. We can easily change a race the athlete is in or their bib...just let us know. We would appreciate it if you fill out a “Change Order” form that you received with your line-up confirmation or that is available from the timer at the event.
- 3) Related to this, if the meet involves classes and you **ENTER KIDS IN RACES THAT ARE NOT IN YOUR TEAM CLASS THEY WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE RESULTS**. Please check this prior to submitting your roster.
- 4) We will send a roster confirmation email the day before the event. Please **CHECK IT FOR ACCURACY** and let us know of any changes. Note the attachments that come with this.
- 5) If an athlete is stopping their watch as they finish, encourage them to **NOT PRESS THEIR ARM AGAINST THEIR BIB** when doing so. Two things block an RFID signal: water and metal. Since your body is mostly water, covering the tag with your arm will block the signal. If they hold their arm away from their body all is good.
- 6) They should pin their **BIB HORIZONTALLY ON THE FRONT AS LOW AS IS COMFORTABLE** for them.
- 7) **REPORT ANY MISSES ASAP!** We don’t care why they were missed. We just want to get it right, right away. We would appreciate it if you would use the “Change Order” sheet that you received with your line-up confirmation or provided by the timer at the event.

We realize that the head coach of a team has more to do on race day than watch their phone so add a manager or assistant coach to your GSE team staff page and assign them the task of looking for kids that got missed in the results.

Thanks for helping us help you, your athletes, parents, and fans of the sport to provide accurate results quickly!